

March 2006
CENTRAL COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

The month of March brought back the winter weather and hazardous driving conditions through out the Central Command. As a result of the poor driving conditions the Command showed a drastic increase in the number of crashes handled by its personnel. Of the 123 total crashes handled, 68 or over 55% were weather related.

Of the 123 total crashes for the month, two involved fatalities for a 100% increase, 27 involved injuries for a 58.8% increase and 94 involved property for a 59.3% increase when compared to the previous month. 25 of the total crashes involved a commercial vehicle for a 25% increase and the commercial driver was at fault in 18 or 72% of the crashes. Of the 25 crashes, 15 occurred on the interstate.

Despite the poor weather overall activity increased by 12.1% when compared to February. Significant increases occurred in the Hazardous Moving Violation category of 39.4% and the Speed Violation Category of 22.3%. The total violations for March of 4303 are the highest total ever in the Central Command. This is a commendable effort by all personnel.

The Commercial Operation Section showed significant increases in all categories but one, over weight citations. Total Safety Violations increased by 54.3%, drivers placed "Out of Service" increased by 46.2% and vehicles placed "Out of Service" increased by 50% to name a few. Members of this section are commended for their efforts this month.

Traffic personnel conducted 395 level 3 inspections in March resulting in 699 violations, 230 safety citations and 61 drivers being placed out of service.

The Communication Center showed an increase of 39.2% in the number of radio transmissions, a 14.9% increase in CAD incidents generated and a 22.3% increase in telephone calls in March.

I commend Central Command personnel for their efforts this month and expect this to continue as the weather improves in the future.



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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

| | March-06 | | March-05 | % Change | | February-06 | % Change |
|--|----------|--|----------|----------|--|-------------|----------|
| Total Crashes | 123 | | 117 | 5.1% | | 77 | 59.7% |
| Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 94 | | 81 | 16.0% | | 59 | 59.3% |
| Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 27 | | 34 | -20.6% | | 17 | 58.8% |
| Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 2 | | 2 | 0.0% | | 1 | 100.0% |
| DUI Crashes [DUI charged] | 1 | | 4 | -75.0% | | 2 | -50.0% |
| Total persons killed in fatal crashes | 2 | | 2 | 0.0% | | 1 | 100.0% |
| Total drivers killed without seatbelts | 1 | | 0 | 100.0% | | 1 | 0.0% |
| Total passengers killed without seatbelts | 0 | | 0 | 0.0% | | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total drivers killed with seatbelts | 1 | | 1 | 0.0% | | 0 | 100.0% |
| Total passengers killed with seatbelts | 0 | | 1 | -100.0% | | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable | 0 | | 0 | 0.0% | | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total number of commercial vehicle crashes | 25 | | 21 | 19.0% | | 20 | 25.0% |
| Property crashes involving commercial vehicle | 19 | | 15 | 26.7% | | 15 | 26.7% |
| Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle | 6 | | 5 | 20.0% | | 4 | 50.0% |
| Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle | 0 | | 1 | -100.0% | | 1 | -100.0% |

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.6%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 0.8%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 50.0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 20.3%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- ✓ Forty-six more crashes occurred in March as compared to February. Property damage crashes increased by 59% as did injury crashes by over 58%. Fatal crashes increased by one, however, there was third fatal crash that occurred within the Central Command, but was investigated by the Southern Command fatal team. The dramatic increase in crashes during March was directly attributable to winter weather. Sixty-eight, or over 55%, of the Command's crashes were weather related.
- ✓ There was only one crash involving an impaired driver which is down 50% from February and 75% from March of last year. The BAC for this driver was .16.
- ✓ Of the two drivers killed in the fatal crashes one was not wearing a seatbelt.
- ✓ Crashes involving commercial vehicles grew by 5 over February. Of the 25 crashes involving commercial vehicles, the commercial vehicle driver was at fault in 18 or 72% of the crashes. Ten of the 25 crashes occurred on secondary roadways while the other 15 crashes occurred on the interstate. The fatal crash investigated by the Southern Command fatal team involved a commercial vehicle, but the commercial vehicle driver was not at fault.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

| | March-06 | March-05 | % Change | February-06 | % Change |
|--|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|
| DUI arrests from crashes | 1 | 4 | -75.0% | 2 | -50.0% |
| DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes | 32 | 21 | 52.4% | 33 | -3.0% |
| Other Arrests | 159 | 131 | 21.4% | 204 | -22.1% |
| Total persons arrested (DUI included) | 88 | 63 | 39.7% | 97 | -9.3% |
| Speed violations | 2443 | 1799 | 35.8% | 1997 | 22.3% |
| Hazardous moving violations | 276 | 310 | -11.0% | 198 | 39.4% |
| Occupant restraint violations * | 375 | 288 | 30.2% | 404 | -7.2% |
| Total violations [above violations included] | 4304 | 3318 | 29.7% | 3841 | 12.1% |
| Commercial Enforcement | | | | | |
| Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests | 48 | 30 | 60.0% | 38 | 26.3% |
| Other traffic violations - citations/arrests | 18 | 15 | 20.0% | 18 | 0.0% |
| Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6] | 670 | 490 | 36.7% | 546 | 22.7% |
| Terminal inspections [level 5] | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total safety violations -- citation | 145 | 117 | 23.9% | 94 | 54.3% |
| Total safety violations -- repair order | 935 | 898 | 4.1% | 777 | 20.3% |
| Total vehicles placed "Out of Service" | 45 | 47 | -4.3% | 30 | 50.0% |
| Total drivers placed "Out of Service" | 38 | 25 | 52.0% | 26 | 46.2% |
| Total school buses inspected | 0 | 16 | -1600.0% | 35 | -3500.0% |
| Total school buses placed "Out of Service" | 0 | 1 | -100.0% | 6 | -600.0% |
| Total trucks weighed | 782 | 444 | 76.1% | 619 | 26.3% |
| Total overweight citations | 4 | 9 | -55.6% | 11 | -63.6% |
| Total dyed fuel inspections | 590 | 466 | 26.6% | 521 | 13.2% |
| Total dyed fuel citations | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% |

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- ✓ Overall activity increased in March by 12.1% when compared to February. The total violations for March are the highest total ever in Central Command. All enforcement categories increased except for occupant restraint violations which declined by 7%. Speed violations increased by over 22% and hazardous moving violations increased by over 39%.
- ✓ Arrests of impaired drivers prior to a crash decreased by only one as compared to February. The average BAC was .134.
- ✓ Inspections conducted by commercial operations personnel increased by over 22%. With the increase in inspections came a corresponding increase in violations discovered. There were 15 more vehicles placed "out of service" while the number of drivers placed "out of service" increased by 46%.

- ✓ The number of vehicles weighed increased by over 26%. This is due to the new weigh-in-motion being utilized.
- ✓ The number of dyed fuel checks also increased with the increase in inspections conducted. Of the 590 dyed fuel inspection, 206 were conducted on secondary roadways during 274 hours of directed enforcement.
- ✓ Traffic operations personnel conducted 395 level 2 / 3 inspections. During the inspections 699 violations were discovered resulting in 230 citations being issued and 61 drivers being placed "out of service."

| Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY] | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| | Level 2/3 Inspections | Safety Violations Citation | Safety Violations Repair Order | Drivers Placed "Out of Service" | Dyed Fuel Inspections | Dyed Fuel Citations |
| | # | # | # | # | # | # |
| March-06 | 395 | 230 | 699 | 61 | 350 | 0 |
| February-06 | 430 | 249 | 902 | 70 | 357 | 0 |
| % Change | -8.1% | -7.6% | -22.5% | -12.9% | -2.0% | 0.0% |

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|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| March-06 | 395 | 230 | 699 | 61 | 350 | 0 |
| March-05 | 275 | 196 | 575 | 38 | 245 | 0 |
| % Change | 43.6% | 17.3% | 21.6% | 60.5% | 42.9% | 0.0% |

| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES | March-06 | March-05 | % Change | February-06 | % Change |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|
| COMMUNICATION CENTER | | | | | |
| Radio Transmissions | 94,667 | 82,952 | 14.1% | 68,030 | 39.2% |
| CAD incidents | 12,106 | 10,564 | 14.6% | 10,533 | 14.9% |
| Telephone Calls | 12,355 | 11,535 | 7.1% | 10,105 | 22.3% |
| Call Box Incidents | 8 | N/A | #VALUE! | 18 | -55.6% |
| FRONT OFFICE | | | | | |
| Accident Reports Processed | 106 | 92 | 15.2% | 56 | 89.3% |
| Arrest Reports Processed | 91 | 56 | 62.5% | 92 | -1.1% |
| Incident / Officer Reports Processed | 24 | 20 | 20.0% | 23 | 4.3% |
| COURT / WARRANT | | | | | |
| Warrants Received | 178 | 172 | 3.5% | 280 | -36.4% |
| Warrants Entered | 200 | 133 | 50.4% | 350 | -42.9% |
| Warrants Cleared | 337 | 270 | 24.8% | 418 | -19.4% |
| Warrants Validated | 2191 | 2096 | 4.5% | 1992 | 10.0% |
| Extradition / Transports | 8 | 6 | 33.3% | 4 | 100.0% |
| EVIDENCE | | | | | |
| New Cases Submitted | 37 | 32 | 15.6% | 52 | -28.8% |
| New Items Submitted | 106 | 95 | 11.6% | 274 | -61.3% |
| Items Disposed | 7 | 10 | -30.0% | 26 | -73.1% |

Contract Service overtime for March was 319 hours for 13 escorts totalling \$ 20,627.

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- ✓ The increase in enforcement activity and crashes resulted in an increase of radio transmissions of 39% for the Communications Center. CAD incidents increased by 14.9% along with an increase in telephone calls of over 22%.
- ✓ Front Office personnel processed 89% more crash reports than in February. Arrest and Officer reports remained relatively constant.
- ✓ There were 102 fewer warrants received from the courts in March. This resulted in fewer warrants being entered. Fewer warrants were cleared, but warrants validated increased by 10%.
- ✓ There was a decrease of almost 29% for new cases submitted to the evidence vault. This resulted in a decline in the number of new items submitted.

PERSONNEL

- ✓ Trooper Greg Johnson was promoted to Sergeant on March 27th. Sgt. Johnson is responsible for the Winnemucca District.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- ✓ Central Command personnel were involved in the "Read Across America" program at the Carlin elementary school with 40 students attending.
- ✓ Tpr. Gonzalez represented the Department at the Health and Fitness Fair at the Elko Convention Center with a child passenger safety booth.
- ✓ Nine students attended the mandatory child seat offenders class.

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